

REMARKS

The office action mailed March 11, 2005, required election of a single discloses species of the invention. An interview was held on April 13, 2005, between attorney William Benman, representing the applicants, and examiner Ricky L. Mack. During the interview, the examiner suggested that the claims could be divided in to Group I – claims 1-20 and 29 (embodiments of Figs 1-5) – and Group II – claims 21-28 (Figs 6 and 7).

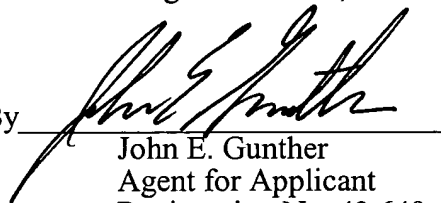
By this response, applicant elects claims 21-28 corresponding to Group II without traverse. Claims directed to the unelected species have been withdrawn.

An IDS listing references cited in the International Search Report for counterpart application PCT/US2004/041910 is enclosed. This IDS is being submitted with three months of receipt of the search report from the International Searching Authority.

A petition for a one-month extension of the period for reply and fee transmittal form are also enclosed.

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